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1. A new quadrilateral airfield at Nova Pazova¹, near Belgrade, extends from the Belgrade-Nova Pazova railroad to the right bank of the Danube River. On the north this airfield touches the southern border of the village of Novi Banovci. The west end of the airfield, adjacent to the Belgrade-Nova Pazova railroad line, is approximately three kilometers long; the east end of the airfield, adjacent to the right bank of the Danube River, is approximately one kilometer long and the southern and western sides of the field are each approximately four and one half kilometers long. The following construction and installation work was in process at the airfield:
 - a. A masonry and brick building, approximately 100 x 20 meters in size, the roof of which was covered with corrugated metal plates. The building is divided into two parts, namely, a garage, which has sufficient floor space to hold twenty vehicles, and a machine shop which contains mechanical parts and equipment required in the construction of the airfield.
 - b. Three masonry buildings, with corrugated metal roofs, each approximately 40 x 12 meters in size. Construction on these buildings had been completed, but the installation of electricity, water supply, locks and fittings had not yet begun. These buildings will allegedly be used as quarters for the men stationed at the Nova Pazova Airfield.
 - c. Three steel hangars, each approximately 80 meters long, 50 meters wide and 15 meters high, the sides and roofs of which were to be covered with corrugated metal plates. [REDACTED] only 25X1X the steel framework of these hangars had been completed.
 - d. Three masonry buildings with corrugated metal roofs were still in the process of construction.
 - e. A square 3-story building with a central inner courtyard, the external side of which measured approximately 120 meters. The interior equipment was in the process of installation. Entry into the interior courtyard was effected through porticoes which open in the center of the four

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wings of the building. The airfield command headquarters, offices and different units attached to the airfield will reportedly be quartered here.

- f. Two 2-story buildings with corrugated metal roofs, each approximately 80 x 20 meters in size. Interior equipment and locks had not yet been installed.

- g. [REDACTED] an embankment approximately two to three meters deep and 20 meters long, along one side of which was a partially buried fuel tank. A winding stream of fuel trucks was observed.

- h. One runway, which ran in an east-west direction, was under construction. The runway was only 16 meters wide and approximately 2 kilometers long. It was composed of two strips which were flanked by concrete blocks, each eight by six meters in size. Other strips will reportedly be constructed adjacent to these strips, however; informant saw no other construction in process. This runway, which starts approximately 800 meters away from the west end of the airfield, will be extended as far as the right bank of the Danube River where the seaplane base is being constructed.

- i. An armed guard, selected from among a nucleus of approximately 100 aviators stationed in the area, patrols the airfield. The members of the guard are billeted in two temporary barracks buildings situated at the southwestern corner of the airfield.
- j. Three German Junker-52 type of plane motors, packed in regulation cases, are lying out in the open in the space behind the two hangars north of the runway.
- k. The new airfield at Nova Pazova will reportedly be utilized as the headquarters of an undetermined number of flight units. The field will purportedly be used for test flights by the High Air Command now in Zemun, while the airfield at Zemun will be used exclusively for civilian aviation.²

2. A seaplane base was reportedly under construction at the east end of the Nova Pazova airfield, on the right bank of the Danube River. The entire tract of land on which the airfield lies is approximately 20 meters above the level of the Danube River. The following construction was observed at the seaplane base:

- a. Two reinforced concrete seaplane hangars were under construction on the right shore of the Danube. Estimated measurements from the inner edge of the bank showed the entrance to these hangars to be approximately 80 meters, the depth to be approximately 300 meters and the height to be approximately 10 meters. When these shelters have been completed, for the purpose of camouflage, they will be covered with a layer of earth about 7 meters thick, so that the hangars will be on a level with the surface of the airfield. Work on these hangars was still in its initial stage during late 1950. These underground shelters might reportedly be utilized by seaplanes and aircraft at the airfield. Planes will probably effect approaches to the hangars from the rear end of the airfield adjacent to the Danube. Construction work at the airfield and seaplane base is also under the direction of the Napred Military Construction Enterprise of Belgrade.
- b. Engaged in the construction work both at the airfield and the seaplane base, which are expected to be completed during 1951, are:
- 1) 500 to 600 civilians
 - 2) 200 soldiers attached to a labor battalion.

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- c. There are two different work shifts. The first shift is from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the second shift is from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Flood lights are used for night work.

Attached are two sketches of the Nova Pazova Airfield and Seaplane Base.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: Your attention is called to the following previous disseminations: [REDACTED] which refers to an underground construction in the vicinity of the Nova Pazova military airfield, and [REDACTED] which reported a new airfield to be under construction at Nova Pazova.
2. [REDACTED] Comment: Your attention is called to: [REDACTED] both of which reported various airforce units at Zemun Airfield, and to [REDACTED] which informs that the Zemun Airfield is being used for civilian air traffic until such time as the new Batajnica Airfield has been completed.

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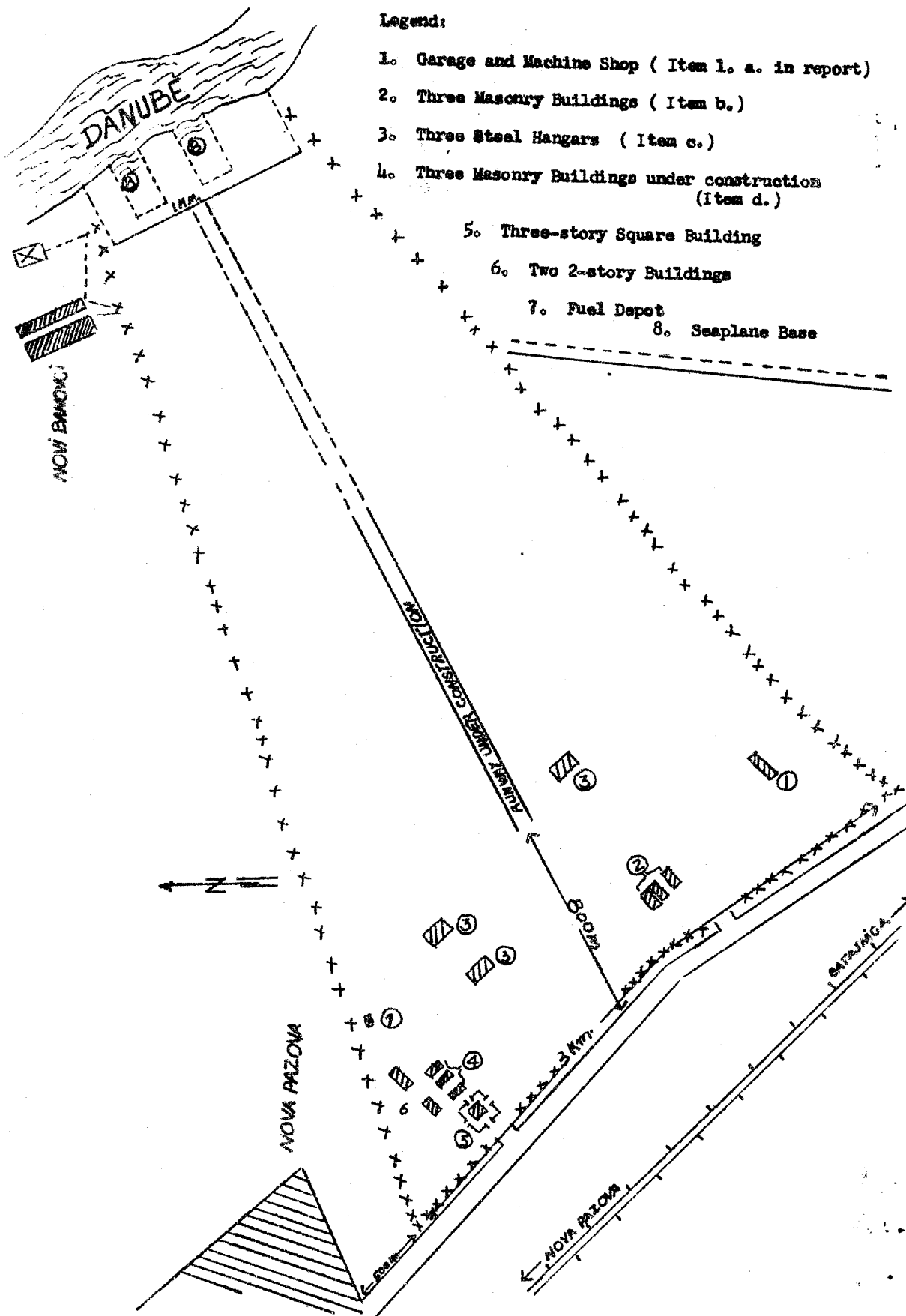
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ATTACHMENT 1.

NEW AIRFIELD AND SEAPLANE BASE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT NOVA PAZOVA

Legend:

1. Garage and Machine Shop (Item 1. a. in report)
2. Three Masonry Buildings (Item b.)
3. Three Steel Hangars (Item c.)
4. Three Masonry Buildings under construction (Item d.)
5. Three-story Square Building
6. Two 2-story Buildings
7. Fuel Depot
8. Seaplane Base



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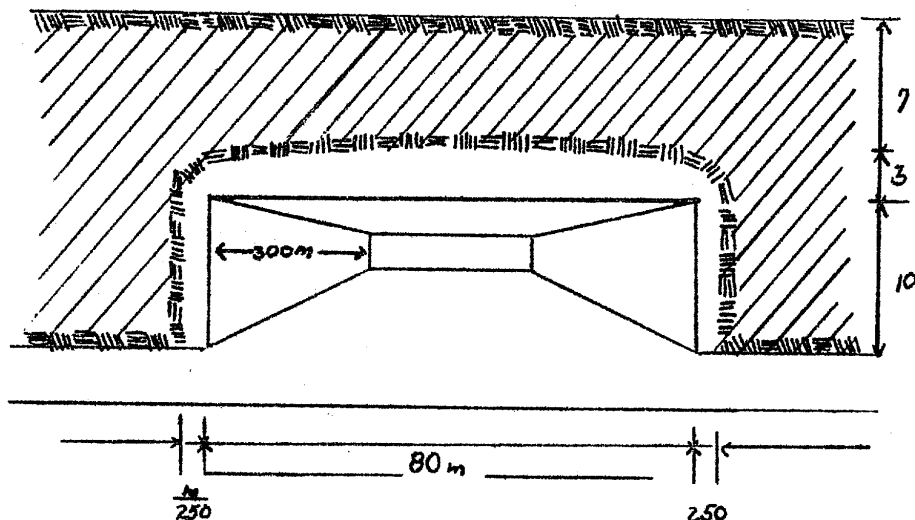
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ATTACHMENT 2.

SEAPLANE BASE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT NOVA PAZOVA



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